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Applicant(s): Christopher R. JONES et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED CONCOMITANT  
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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This is a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT filed in the above-referenced Request for Continued Examination Application in response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2002. A NOTICE OF APPEAL and PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME were filed October 15, 2002.

Please amend as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

C<sup>1</sup>  
18. (Amended) A method for treating aqueous systems to prevent, inhibit or remove microbial contamination, which comprises adding thereto, together or separately, the biocidally